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Goldeyes pitcher Andrew "Ace" Walker throws a strike, Tuesday, during Game 1 of the American Association championship series against the Wichita Wingnuts. The Goldeyes won 5-4 in 10 innings. For more on the game, see page 17. TYLER PEACOCK/FOR METRO

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RCMP taken to task. Hockey dressing rooms being used as jails: Native leaders

A group of northern Manitoba chiefs is complaining that some aboriginals are being chained up in a hockey arena dressing room instead of an RCMP holding cell because of scarce police resources.

"When you look at all these little (non-aboriginal) towns coming down the highway, there are police stations in every town, but when you look at First Nations communities ... you won't see nothing at all," said David Harper, grand chief of the Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak, which represents 30 northern communities.

"You'll see a little gate with a trailer and an (empty) RCMP police truck and that's it. Is that public safety?"

Harper and other chiefs circulated a photo Tuesday of an unidentified man handcuffed and chained and lying on a concrete floor. They said the picture is of a man who was arrested for an alcohol offence last month on the Northlands Denesuline reserve near Lac Brochet. The man was held in the community's arena because Mounties, who are based in another community, have refused to let band members use the RCMP's local detention facility.

"They're more concerned about liability than safety. As a chief representing my community members, safety comes first," said Northlands Chief Joe Antsanen.

The leaders say part of the problem is that the Manitoba government appears to be uninterested in licensing any more band constables. Walter Spence, chief of the Fox Lake Cree Nation, said his community no longer has any band constables and must rely on RCMP officers 50 kilometres away in Gillam.

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No one hurt in Furby fire

Winnipeg firefighters were called to this rental house on Furby Street at about 4 a.m. Tuesday when a patch of peat moss ignited after someone tried to butt out a cigarette on it. The $150,000 fire was confined mostly to the top floor and roof. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

North Point Douglas. Police investigate another indecent act

The Winnipeg police sex crimes unit is investigating after a man exposed himself and performed an indecent act in front of a woman in North Point Douglas Monday.

The 21-year-old female victim had been walking on Barber Street around 5:50 p.m. when a man approached to ask for directions. The victim helped the man, who then went to a nearby residence and returned exposing himself and performing an indecent act.

The suspect is described as Asian, clean-shaven, in his mid-20s, five-foot-eight to five-foot-nine with a medium to heavy build, and short black hair. He was wearing a black baseball cap, dark jeans and a white T-shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 204-986-6245 or Crime Stoppers at 204-786-TIPS. METRO

Website launched to lure 'Peggers to live downtown

Fun, healthy lifestyle. Site a 'one-stop shop' for searching properties

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Three downtown advocacy groups have launched a new website they hope will coax more people into packing up from the suburbs and moving closer to the heart of the city.

"(It's) a one-stop shop of information showcasing the newest and hippest of housing options in our city's core," Stefano Grande, executive director of Downtown BIZ, said during Tuesday's press conference at District Condos on Market Avenue.

"The thousands of downtown residents, office workers and visitors will now have an abundant resource at their fingertips with this website."

The website, myplaceisdowntown.com, was conceptualized and developed by Downtown BIZ, CentreVenture and the Exchange BIZ.

Grande said the residential population in the downtown area has grown to 16,000 from 12,000 over the past five years, and 1,750 condominium and rental units will be developed over the next four to five years.

Joseph Ranseth, the website's first guest blogger, is one of those new downtown residents. He moved back to Winnipeg last Christmas from Phoenix, Ariz., and into the Avenue building on Portage.

"I'm a big fan of living downtown; I absolutely love the energy," said Ranseth, senior marketing strategist for Canada's Web Shop.

"It's a fun lifestyle, it's healthy, I'm out walking more. It's more social, there's opportunities to see more people.... You get to see a lot of what makes Winnipeg wonderful."

Signy Gerrard, marketing and communications manager for Downtown BIZ, said people can search for property listings by price range, number of bedrooms and bathrooms, neighbourhoods and map.

There is also information on the history of the different neighbourhoods.

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Stefano Grande, executive director of Downtown BIZ, chats with Rhonda Funke of Streetside Development Corporation during a tour of District Condos on Market Avenue. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

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10 years and 123 brews from 24 countries across the globe

Beerfest. The Flatlander's Beer Festival returns bigger and better than ever

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The Flatlander's Beer Festival is celebrating its 10th anniversary by giving beer lovers well over a hundred reasons to hop (and barley) down to this year's event.

In all, the annual fundraiser for the Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation is serving up 123 different brews from 24 countries.

"We have more beers from more countries than we've ever had before," explained Kait Flett, coordinator with the Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation. "It's a lot of fun — you get to walk around sampling beers and meeting new people."

Included in this year's selections are four beers each from local favourites Fort Garry Brewing and Half Pints Brewing. The festival is also sweetening up the deal with a larger selection of ciders.

"These are all beers and ciders that are sold in Manitoba Liquor Marts," explained Flett. "This way you can go around trying them before you buy them, and you won't end up with five beers left over in your fridge from a six-pack you bought but didn't like."

All money raised helps fund the Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation programs assisting underprivileged kids try hockey, and providing grants to a variety of registered children's charities.

The festival runs Thursday and Friday from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Tickets for Thursday are $29.95 and $34.95 for the Friday, which includes five samples. Visit ticketmaster.ca or Winnipeg MLCC locations.

Fundraising

$30K

Last year's Flatlander's Beer Festival raised more than $30,000 for the Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation.

Source: Winnipeg Jets True North Foundation

Nicole Barry will be at the Flatlander's Beer Festival this weekend, along with some of Half Pints Brewing Co. and its tasty lager. TYLER PEACOCK/METRO

Shelter begs for walkers and their furry friends

D'Arcy Johnston, owner and founder of D'Arcy's A.R.C., is looking for dogs and their owners to register for the no-kill shelter's annual Woof Walk fundraiser. TYLER PEACOCK/METRO

For one day this weekend Kildonan Park is going to the dogs.

Winnipeg no-kill animal shelter D'Arcy's A.R.C. is holding its second-annual Woof Walk fundraiser at the park this Saturday, and more pet owners and their furry friends are needed to help make the event a success.

"Registration seems to be a little down," D'Arcy Johnston, owner and founder of the shelter, said Monday. "We need to remind people to come out and bring the dog ... it's going to be a good day."

Last year, the inaugural fundraiser attracted roughly 200 walkers and raised about $12,000 — this year Johnston hopes to bring in $20,000, but so far only 100 people have registered.

"It's the last minute crunch now," said Johnston, adding those who don't want to walk can still help out. "People also make pledges, so if you don't want to walk you can still pledge someone to walk," said Johnston.

Those who do make it out will go for a two-kilometre walk with their dogs. The event will also showcase vendors, a barbecue and a silent auction.

Money raised by the walk will help D'Arcy's A.R.C. with general operating costs and to pay for renovations at its dog kennels.

Registration for the walk is $10 per person or $25 for a family.

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An 'L' of a storm! Leslie topples trees, rips off roofs, cuts flights

Newfoundland's day of agony. Ferocious winds and rain cause havoc ... but then spark sighs of relief as storm moves out to sea

A firefighter shields his face against high winds in St. John's after checking on the driver of a tractor-trailer that was blown over.
KEITH GOSSE/ST. JOHN'S TELEGRAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Leslie has left the Rock — thankfully.

The post-tropical storm moved out to sea Tuesday afternoon, hours after its ferocious winds and heavy rains pummelled Newfoundland, knocking out power to thousands and forcing the cancellation of all flights at the island's main airport.

Leslie's hurricane-force winds tore apart roofs in St. John's, stripped off siding, toppled trees and snapped power lines as it doused the island's west coast with rain.

Holly Walsh said the force of the wind blew her down at Cape Spear, as it ripped the doors off three cars.

"It's pretty intense," Walsh said.

Police urged residents to stay indoors to avoid flying tree branches and other debris.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries.

Meteorologist Bob Robichaud said Leslie blew through St. John's with winds of more than 130 km/h.

Forecasters said Leslie was a tropical storm when it made landfall, but later said it was a post-tropical storm.

There were hurricane-force gusts at the St. John's International Airport, and a buoy in Placentia Bay recorded waves exceeding 12 metres. Sirens wailed in downtown St. John's as emergency crews responded to exploding power transformers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Strikers struck

'Interesting' day on the picket line

Striking airport workers who briefly picketed outside braved powerful wind blasts that lifted a port-a-potty tied down with a rope.

"This is my first time taking strike action and I guess the weather just makes it a little more interesting," said Steve Piercey, a building maintenance worker.

"We're used to weather like this.... This is par for the course, being a Newfoundlander. We're tough."

Piercey was working at the airport almost two years ago when hurricane Igor hit on Sept. 21, 2010, with stronger winds gusting about 150 km/h.

Inside the airport, stranded passengers gazed up at electronic boards red with cancellations.
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World Statesman. Harper set to receive prestigious award for diplomacy

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is being hailed as "World Statesman of the Year" by an American organization that previously feted Jean Chrétien and British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

The Prime Minister's Office says Harper will travel to New York on Sept. 27 to receive the award from the Appeal of Conscience Foundation.

Harper, according to the organization, will be recognized as a "champion of democracy, freedom and human rights."

The foundation was founded in 1965 by Rabbi Arthur Schneier. Its board includes former U.S. president Bill Clinton and former U.S. secretaries of state Madeleine Albright, James Baker, retired general Colin Powell and George Schultz.
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Foundation

The Appeal of Conscience Foundation describes itself as an "interfaith coalition of business and religious leaders (that) promotes peace, tolerance and ethnic conflict resolution."

Jurassic Park

Woolly mammoth cells discovered

Scientists have discovered well-preserved frozen woolly mammoth fragments deep in Siberia that may contain living cells, edging a tad closer to the Jurassic Park possibility of cloning a prehistoric animal.
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Bullied monitor

School bus driver gets $700k cheque

A Toronto man's campaign to give an American grandmother a vacation from a workplace in which she was tyrannized by teenage bullies ended Tuesday with the retired school bus monitor receiving a cheque for $703,000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thousands gather across U.S. to honour 9-11 victims

Americans marked the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on a crisp, sunny day much like the one 11 years ago when nearly 3,000 victims were killed in the worst terror attack in U.S. history.

The commemoration was smaller and more subdued, a reflection of the nation moving on after a decade of remembrance.

Hundreds gathered at the World Trade Center site in New York, the Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pa., to read the names of the dead.

"Our country is safer, and our people are resilient," President Barack Obama said in a ceremony at the White House. He and first lady Michelle Obama laid a wreath at the Pentagon, above a concrete slab that said "Sept. 11, 2001 — 937 am."

They later visited the graves of recent war dead from Afghanistan and Iraq at Arlington National Cemetery. The U.S. military death toll years ago surpassed the 9-11 victim count.

Some said last year's 10th anniversary was a turning point for public mourning. For the first time, elected officials weren't speaking at the New York ceremony.

Thousands had attended the ceremony in New York in previous years. This time, the crowd reached about 1,000 by late Tuesday morning.

A few hundred attended ceremonies at the Pentagon and in Pennsylvania.

Allied military forces marked the anniversary at a short ceremony at NATO's headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan.
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A woman mourns on the wall engraved with the names of victims during observances at the National September 11 Memorial in New York on Tuesday. CRAIG RUTTLE/NEWSDAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reflection

"Our country is safer, and our people are more resilient."

U.S. President Barack Obama in a ceremony at the White House commemorating the nearly 3,000 9-11 victims.

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5 HOT SPOTS FOR MUSIC

If you like to "play it loud," these music venues around the world should be on your hit list.

PROVOCATIVE: THE PARADISO, AMSTERSDAM

Things really heat up at this concert hall housed in a converted 19th-century church in Amsterdam. Described as "seriously fierce," this venue's main concert hall in the former church interior seats 1,500 and has high ceilings, two balcony rings and large illuminated church windows. Check the website for the concert lineup, or Paradiso is a popular dance club, too. "You think you know how to party?" wrote one visitor. "Do you? You're wrong. I did, and then I came here."

MYSTERIOUS: THE GREEK THEATER, LOS ANGELES

"When you're at the Greek, there's this type of mystical feeling you get among the crowd," writes one visitor.

L.A.'s premier outdoor theatre is tucked into the corner of Griffith Park, but don't let the picturesque setting fool you. This place is made for noise.

The 5,900-seat venue has amazing sound because of its natural acoustics — the park is actually a canyon. Named "North America's Best Small Outdoor Venue," Pearl Jam, Death Cab for Cutie, Florence & the Machine, The White Stripes, Jack Johnson, and Gotye have all played there recently.

DARE TO EXPLORE: PRIVILEGE, IBIZA, SPAIN

"This isn't a club … it's a whole other world!"

Privilege is the world's largest nightclub with a main room the size of an aircraft hangar. Ibiza is an island in the Mediterranean Sea that has a red hot reputation for its nightlife.

Dance to top rappers and DJs (the DJ booth is suspended above the dance floor) or explore what's around every corner of the club … a swimming pool, acrobats, huge video installations, state of the art lights, lasers, dance troupes, and more.

MICRO EXPERIENCE: THE PHOG LOUNGE, WINDSOR, ONT.

"Phog" is a small lounge in Windsor with a devout following of some of Canada's hippest electronica, free-form jazz and indie rock bands.

"Phog is truly passionate and curious about music," said Casey Laforet of Canada's critically acclaimed Elliot Brood.

Named "Best Live Music Venue in Canada," there is now an annual Phog-Phest in the fall where the street out front is closed off for a daylong celebration of indie music. Rural Alberta Advantage headlines there Sept. 15.

EXPERIMENTATION: THE READING FESTIVAL, READING, ENGLAND

Join 87,000 other rock, indie, punk and metal aficionados in tents on Little John's Farm for this three-day music festival every August.

But you have to plan ahead — tickets go on sale in December and sell out fast. The big stage is for major rock, indie, metal and alternative acts, but check out the smaller Lock Up Stage for underground punk and hardcore acts, and a stage for unsigned acts.

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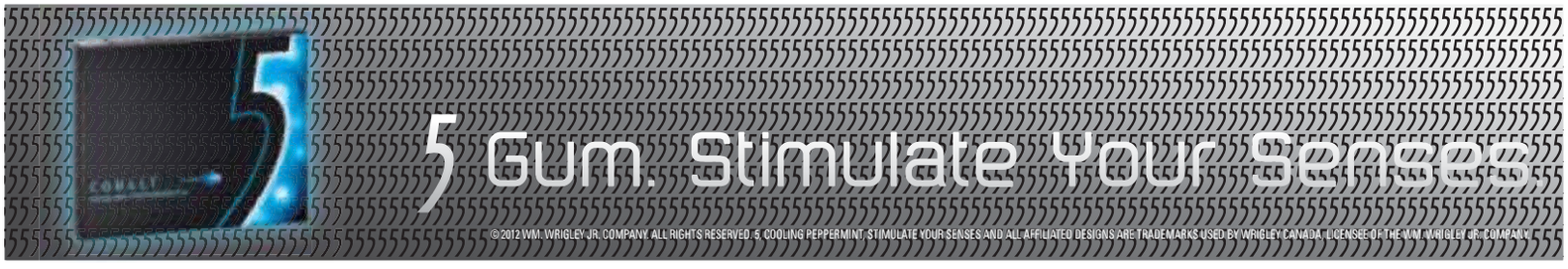

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The fix is in: Canadian Soccer League infiltrated by crime

Canadian soccer scandal. Metro editor working with CBC threatened at Toronto home while investigating match-fixing ring

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The Trois-Rivières Attak's Serge Dinkota shoots past Serbian White Eagles keeper Dan Pelc during the CSL championship match in October 2009. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

You could be forgiven if you've never heard of the Canadian Soccer League.

Save for a sprinkling of fans that attend games and watch the occasional screening on Rogers TV, few will have ever heard of the small, backwater league fielding teams in Ontario and Quebec.

Yet, online betting sites offer lines on every CSL game which has attracted European match-fixers looking for an easy target.

In an investigation I worked on with the CBC, we discovered that match-fixers have travelled thousands of kilometres to pay Canadian players to fix results in their favour. Our domestic league has been powerless, unwilling or unable to stop it. And this match-fixing syndicate has tried to infiltrate the league to a point that few would have imagined. The results of the investigation will be shown tonight on The National at 10 p.m. and will be published in tomorrow's Metro.

This investigation stemmed from a German court case last year where the main defendants, Ante Sapina and Mario Cvrtak, admitted to fixing a Canadian Soccer League game on Sept. 12, 2009. That game involved the Toronto Croatia and the Trois-Rivières Attak — at the time, a farm team for the Montreal Impact.

Since the day I brought CBC this story 18 months ago, a lot has happened.

I have had people come to my home with death threats, moved my family to ensure their safety and struggled with the stress that comes with learning to live while looking over your shoulder. When I realized why those two men had threatened me, it made the pit of my stomach drop out at the thought of how close they had been to me. They waited outside my building to let me know that the questions I was asking around the CSL were not ones they approved of — but they mostly did it to send a message.

Others too have received that message. Witnesses to the fixing have come forward, only to drop away with no notice. Players, coaches and entire teams have walked away from the game they love because of the stink that comes from these types of allegations.

Tonight's documentary will walk viewers through how the fixing occurs. It will show why this group and others like it are targeting the CSL. And it will show just how easy it is to manipulate a game for money.

In the grand scheme of things, Canadian soccer is still very much in its infancy. The Canadian Soccer Association may be celebrating its centenary this year but it's really only come into its own in the last 10 years as local soccer has become a priority in this country.

With that new-found love comes a level of naiveté — a sense that the ills that have plagued the world could never come here.

And if Canadians are finally catching on to this game that the rest of the world calls football, they're also about to get a harsh wake-up call to the realities that come with it.

Read tomorrow's Metro for more details.

Feeding the majors

10

Number of players on Canadian MLS team rosters that played in the Canadian Soccer League before starting their professional careers. Seven of that 10 are currently signed to Toronto FC.

Employment

Positive hiring climate expected, survey finds

In a survey of 1,900 employers, 16 per cent said they plan to add jobs in the fourth quarter and seven per cent anticipate cutbacks, says a new Manpower Inc. employment survey. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuition fees

Students taking on more debt, report warns

A new report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives suggests tuition fees are becoming less affordable for many Canadians, forcing more students to take on heavy debt loads. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nordstrom set to open four stores in Canada

A customer walks out of Nordstrom in Los Angeles. MARK TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Nordstrom is the latest U.S. retailer planning to set up shop north of the border.

Officials from the department store chain and Cadillac Fairview are scheduled to announce Canadian store plans at a media briefing in Toronto on Thursday.

The announcement will relate to Nordstrom's entry into the Canadian marketplace and will identify store locations in Cadillac Fairview shopping centres nationally.

According to previously published reports, the Seattle-based retailer is expected to open in four locations, including a trio of prime Sears Canada locations set to be shuttered this fall.

Sears Canada announced in March it would sell back leases for three of its stores to its landlord, Cadillac Fairview, for about $170 million.

High-profile locations at the Pacific Centre in Vancouver, Chinook Centre in Calgary and Rideau Centre in Ottawa are set to close by the end of October.

It announced a further closure, at the Deerfoot Mall in Calgary, in July.

Canadians can currently purchase goods direct from Nordstrom's website, with shipping fees that includes the cost of duties at checkout.

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iPhone. YouTube releases its own app

YouTube is being reprogrammed for the iPhone and iPad amid growing hostility between Apple and the video service's owner, Google.

The new format debuted Tuesday with the release of a new YouTube application that will introduce more advertising and more videos on Apple's devices.

The changes are being made because Google Inc. and Apple Inc. didn't renew a five-year licensing agreement that established YouTube as one of the built-in applications in the operating system that runs the iPhone and iPad.

YouTube is being bumped from the menu of pre-installed apps on the next version of Apple's mobile operating system, or iOS, which could be released as early as Wednesday, when the latest iPhone is expected to be unveiled.

The updated iOS is dumping Google's digital maps as its go-to source for directions.

The licensing agreement had granted Apple control over the design of the built-in YouTube app on the iPhone and iPad.

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A NON-HOCKEY WRITER ON THE NHL LOCKOUT

JUST SAYIN'
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True confession:

I am not a hockey writer. With a few notable exceptions, neither are most hockey writers.

Oops! That was my outside voice, wasn't it?

If I were a hockey writer, I wouldn't last very long. I would always want to write about the wrong thing.

Instead of reporting on the latest looming lockout (memo to hockey writers: That 'L' thing is called an alliteration) — which, by the way, happens Sunday at 12:01 a.m. if no one pulls a last-minute puck out of a hat — I would have a tendency to get distracted.

For example, did you know that Tyler Seguin just signed a contract with the Boston Bruins that will pay him $34 million US over the next six years? That's a little under $6 million a year.

Did you know that Tyler Seguin is 20 years old?

Now there's something to get distracted about. This kid scored 29 goals for the Bruins last year. According to my calculations, if he scores another 29 this year, he will make about $200,000 US a goal. Doesn't matter if it's a deflection or shot into an empty net.

Boston Bruins' $34M signing

I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic.

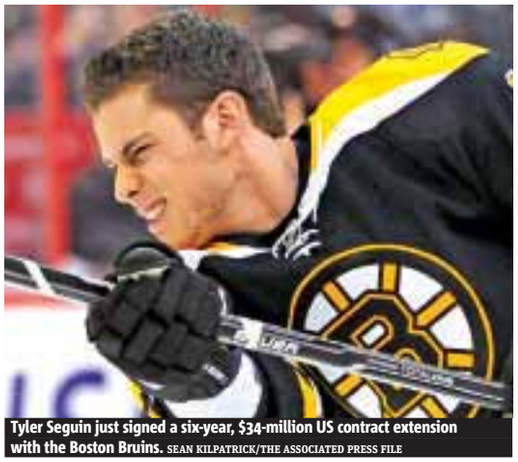
A real hockey writer doesn't question any of this stuff. Me? I'd write about my first real job, when I was a little older than Tyler Seguin. I made $250 a week, before taxes. Of course that was in 20th-century dollars, which adjusted for today's buying power, comes to about $2.50.

I could even argue that my job, which required me to make decisions about the deployment of millions of dollars in government grants to community groups, was more important than Tyler Seguin's. And then I would start wondering if our values were completely out of whack, and the owners and players should indeed take a time out and think carefully about what they're doing.

I mean, what are they doing? Isn't little Tyler, at $6 million a year, making enough money? I don't mean to pick on him exclusively. Every team has a rookie phenom whose annual salary exceeds the gross national product of your average banana republic. Speaking of average, the average salary for an NHL hockey player is $2.4 million a year. The minimum, paid to guys who gather splinters sitting on the bench, is $525,000 US.

Speaking of values being out of whack, the average salary for a pre-school teacher in Boston is $43,000 US. That's what happens when you don't take steroids.

There I go again. At this rate, they'll never let me be a hockey writer.



Tyler Seguin just signed a six-year, $34-million US contract extension with the Boston Bruins. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Duke and Duchess are blooming

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Diamond Jubilee

Orchid named after Will and Kate

Prince William and Kate view a hybrid orchid named in their honour at the Orchid Garden within the Singapore Botanical Gardens in Singapore on Tuesday.

The British royal couple is on an official three-day trip to Singapore. It is the first stop on the couple's nine-day tour of the Far East and South Pacific for the queen's Diamond Jubilee marking her 60 years on the throne.

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Prince William stops to speak to an honour guard on arrival at the Istana, the official residence of the president of Singapore, on Tuesday. William will also visit the Solomon Islands and Tuvalu with Kate. CHRIS MCGRATH/GETTY IMAGES

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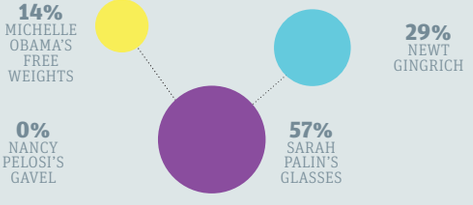

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@joshuancouch:
Gonna buy a tank as my next vehicle. NOBODY can drive in Winnipeg apparently. Almost got into four huge accidents on the way home...

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In Resident Evil: Retribution, Umbrella Corporation's genetic experiments turn the world's population into legions of flesh-eating undead. HANDOUT

How evil corporations ruled through film history

Resident Evil: Retribution. The Umbrella Corp. in gory legacy is part of a long list of heartless movie organizations

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The Umbrella Corporation is the largest and most powerful corporate entity in the world. At least, in the world of the Resident Evil movies it is.

Since R.E. first appeared on the big screen in 2002, the Umbrella Corp has been responsible for weapons research, the release of the mutating T-virus, experiments on humans, and the creation of biologically engineered supersoldiers.

In this weekend's Resident Evil: Retribution Umbrella's genetic experiments turn the global population into "legions of the flesh eating undead."

Turning the world's people into zombies is pretty dastardly stuff, but Umbrella isn't the only cinematic corporation bending the rules and causing harm.

How about Blade Runner's morally despicable Tyrell Corporation?

Led by a CEO with a God complex, the company genetically engineered organic robots called replicants for use as slaves on space colonies. Visually indistinguishable from humans, they are banned from earth, and if found on the planet are killed immediately. That plot inspired another popular sci-fi flick.

When writer Edward Neumeier was asked about the plot of Blade Runner he replied, "it's about cop-hunting robots."

Inspired, he created RoboCop's story about megacorporation Omni Consumer Products who builds the title character, a superhuman cyborg law enforcer. It's likely that defense firm Cyberdyne Systems had nothing but good intentions when it developed Skynet, the Global Digital Defense Network that features at the center of all the Terminator movies.

The idea was to remove the possibility of human error when responding to military threats.

Who knew the technology would one day eliminate the human race?

Elimination of humankind was not on the minds of Soylent Corporation, the entity running things in the sci-fi flick Soylent Green. Set in an overpopulated, polluted world they came up with an alternative food source, Soylent Red and Yellow made of "high-energy plankton."

A third product, Soylent Green, becomes NYC's most popular snack until a cop (Charlton Heston) discovers the green wafer's main ingredient. "Soylent Green is people!"

I doubt even Mitt "Corporations are people!" Romney would approve of District 9's Multi-National United. Despite their slogan, "Paving the way to unity," they create alien apartheid in South Africa for the purpose of performing experiments on the hapless ET's who landed in South Africa. Most of these cinematic corporations sound innocuous.

At least the name of the corporation in Mel Brooks's Silent Movie was truthful about what they do — Engulf & Devour.

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The Voice takes on X Factor

Cowell's fuming. In the U.S. the two shows go head-to-head; but in Canada both are on CTV (X Factor airs tonight)

The stakes are high, the tactics are fierce and the rhetoric is heating up.

Obama versus Romney? Nope. It's the contest between The Voice and The X Factor, which escalated after NBC abruptly moved to pit its Voice against Wednesday's second-season debut of Fox's X Factor.

The two singing contests already faced a tussle over audience votes when NBC scheduled a fall cycle of The Voice after it proved itself as a solid spring performer.

Then, in a post-Labour Day surprise, an apparently mischievous NBC said it was expanding the show's first week from Monday and Tuesday to include a third episode, which happens to air opposite the first hour of the X Factor at 8 p.m.-10 p.m. EDT Wednesday. Fox's show also airs Thursday.

Suddenly, the battle of the talent shows is much more interesting.

Or make that infuriating, if you're X Factor creator, executive producer and judge Simon Cowell. Known for his creative critiques as an American Idol panelist ("You sound like a cat jumping off the Empire State Building"), he was simply blunt about NBC's move.

Cowell took off the gloves when he told a teleconference last week that he was angry "because I think there's a kind of gentleman's agreement." The implication: Networks can slap each other around by putting dramas and comedies head-to-head, but a talent show is in a class of its own, like PBS' Downton Abbey but with a record contract and hot modern blondes named Christina, Britney and Demi.

"I think it's mean-spirited and I hope and I pray that it backfires on them, because it's one of the best shows we've ever made," Cowell said, adding that three consecutive nights of Voice is "too much" and viewers will choose X Factor.

"But I've learned, don't make any predictions," he said, tempering bravado with caution.

Season 2 represents a sophomore reboot for X Factor, which did well last season but failed to pull the 20 million viewers he'd grandly predicted. Instead, it averaged about 12.6 million for its performance and results episodes, which Cowell saw as a "wake-up call" for how to handle the U.S. version of his British hit.

"I was a bit cocky," he said in a recent interview. "I was feeling bullish coming off the U.K. show. And I don't think I really read the (American) market that well" and how a strong show could let "massive social network power" make it a hit.

In Canada there is no battle since both shows air on CTV.

The voice season premiere was broadcast Monday night, the premiere of X Factor airs tonight.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Stewart and Franco? Sure, we'll buy it

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Although she's still shuffling through airports in Robert Pattinson's T-shirts, it seems Kristen Stewart may be entertaining the idea of moving on. The actress was spotted chatting with a "smitten" James Franco at the Toronto Film Festival, reports RadarOnline.

"There was a lot of flirting and Kristen was overjoyed by the attention she was getting from James, who was gushing over her, saying what a great actress he thinks she is and was full of praise for her latest movie, On the Road," a source tells the site. "At the end of their chance meeting, James took Kristen's number and asked her out for dinner. Kristen initially said no, but is mulling over the idea. She knows she has to move on now following her break up with Rob."

Is it just us, or does this "source" sound like Kristen Stewart giving herself a pep talk in the bathroom mirror?

We wouldn't have initially put Franco and Stewart together, but maybe they can bond over complaining about fame while taking roles in blockbusters. Plus, Franco's so pretentious these days, we bet he has a stronger British accent than Pattinson.

Miley Cyrus. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Miley Cyrus throwing punches for her fiancé

Miley Cyrus is leading a pretty dangerous life lately.

First, a man attempts to force his way into her home wielding a pair of scissors — though Cyrus wasn't home at the time — and now she's getting into bar fights. Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth were hanging out at a nightclub in the Roosevelt Hotel in Hollywood when a man bumped into Hemsworth, leading to a heated discussion, according to Hollyscoop. After some shoving ensued, Cyrus reportedly got between the guys and ended up shoving the stranger herself and punching him in the face, according to a report of battery he later filed with the police.

So far, no arrests have been made, and Cyrus' reps doubt there will be any.

"This claim is completely false and erroneous," her rep says.

Zac Efron

Efron not offended by gay rumours

Zac Efron appreciates his gay fans — and isn't fazed by speculation about his own sexuality.

"I don't like to live in fear about things like rumours and backlash to begin with — that's the way I was raised — but I just can't see what's so wrong about being gay," he tells the Advocate in an interview.

LIFE

The view from Trius winery, one of more than two dozen wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake. JOSEPH CHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Autumn is a grape time to visit Niagara-on-the-Lake

Harvest heaven.
Small town near Niagara Falls boasts wineries, fresh food markets and a theatre festival

Mention Niagara and most travellers think of the famous falls, which deserve their reputation as the mother of all tourist attractions.

But there's another place with Niagara in its name just a half-hour drive from the falls that should be part of any visit to the area: Niagara-on-the-Lake, a lovely town known for wineries, an annual theatre festival and a charming downtown.

And while summer is high season for visiting the waterfalls, September and October are among the busiest months of the year in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The Shaw Festival. EMILY COOPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There are more than 30 wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake and 80 altogether in the region, and fall is the season when visitors can see and experience the harvest and the pressing of the grapes.

Visitors can also find locally grown produce, depending on what's in season, including peaches, pears and apples, along with jams, juices and other products, for sale in places like Kurtz Orchards Country Market, 16006 Niagara Parkway, and at a Saturday morning farmers market, through Oct. 6 at 111 Garrison Village Drive.

Fall is also the last chance to catch performances at the Shaw Festival, a popular annual event that takes place in three theatres in Niagara-on-the-Lake, staging works by George Bernard Shaw and his contemporaries, plus new plays written about his era (1856-1950).

The season began in May, with productions ranging from Ragtime, through Oct. 14, to Hedda Gabler, through Sept. 29. Noel Coward's Present Laughter and Bernard Shaw's Misalliance run through October.

For leaf-peepers, the area has "stunning fall colour," usually peaking in early October, according to Janice Thomson, executive director of Niagara-on-the-Lake's chamber of commerce.

The town's leafy waterfront areas include both the Niagara River and Lake Ontario (the waterfalls flow into the river, which flows into the lake).

Niagara Parkway, which follows the river, offers a "spectacular drive," according to Tina Truszyk, spokeswoman for the Tourism Partnership of Niagara.

There are also cycling routes along the river and the nearby Welland Canal. Niagara-on-the-Lake has a number of bike rental companies including some like Zoom Leisure Bike — zoomleisure.com — that offer guided bike tours of the wineries.

The region is best-known for ice wine, a specialty product made from grapes frozen on the vine in winter. The frozen grapes are nearly dehydrated so the juice is concentrated, which makes the wine sweeter than table wine.

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If you go...

- **Niagara-on-the-Lake.** niagaraonthelake.com
- **Shaw Festival.** This annual theatre festival runs through late October. shawfest.com.
- **Wine route planner.** winecountryontario.ca/niagara-on-the-lake.
- **Icewine festival.** The icewine festival takes place in January 2013.

On the web

Las Vegas Sands picks Madrid over Barcelona for big Spain casino project dubbed 'EuroVegas'

The beaches of Kefalonia

It's the largest Greek island in the Ionian Sea, situated near the west of Greece. Come. Stay a week.

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Village of Assos at Kefalonia Island, Greece. THINKSTOCK

HISTORY

Kefalonia (or Cephalonia) has been inhabited since prehistoric times. Today, locals like to argue that they are the descendants of Ulysses and that Kefalonia was the Homeric Ithaka. You won't see much history, however: After the 1953 earthquakes that almost razed the island to the ground, most of its neoclassical mansions, as well as Venetian and British public buildings, were demolished. One can find the only surviving remnants of pre-earthquake architecture on the northern side of the island in the picturesque fishing villages of Fiscardo and Assos. The filming of Captain Corelli's Mandolin in 2000 brought a lot of Hollywood stars (Madonna, Penelope Cruz, Tom Hanks) to Kefalonia, an island which had a non-cosmopolitan profile.

HIGHLIGHTS

During your stay on the island you can visit Argostoli, Fiscardo, the Assos Castle, the Melissani and Drogarati Caves near Sami, St George's Castle, the scenic monasteries of St Gerassimos and many picturesque small villages along the way. For hikers, Ainos (1,620m) is the highest mountain on the island. There is an excellent view from its summit, where in ancient times a temple of Zeus was situated, according to the ancient Greek author Hesiod.

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Be open to other options.

These job search strategies – we've all heard them before – sound like a cliché, but they have a wealth of truth ringing through them.

With the summer break now in full swing (I don't think I ever fully appreciated how lucky I was as a student to have summer holidays beginning in April), students will be thinking about landing a position that can give them solid experience in their field.

A recent Accountemps survey found that 78 per cent of more than 270 CFOs (chief financial officers) interviewed believe it is important for entry-level accounting and finance candidates to have gained work experience while in school.

"Even for entry level roles, many employers are in search of new hires who can apply their previous experience and contribute to the organization immediately," says Kathryn Bolt, Canadian president of Accountemps.

"Although this may seem like a catch-22, where it's difficult to land a job without experience or gain experience without a job, candidates who have internships or temporary assignments on their resume are more marketable to a prospective company."

How to get experience while you're still a student:

Network, network, network
Make connections through classes, summer jobs, internships, volunteer placements, etc., and stay in touch with these people. Never underestimate the power of who you know.

Be involved
Participating in groups related to your field will expand your network and give you further experience. However, do not just join — look for opportunities to take on leadership roles. It is important not only to be involved, but to stand out.

Consider temporary work
This can be a way to obtain work experience while meeting prospective employers and getting your foot in with different companies.

Land an internship
Internships give you direct, resumé-worthy experience and often lead into full-time employment.

Volunteer
Find roles that align with your professional goals, if possible. Therefore, if you are an accounting major, consider acting as the treasurer for a student group that interests you. This not only acts as applicable experience, but also helps you discover your strengths in the field you are pursuing.

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Size it up. Go big or go small when finding your firm?

When searching for a job at an accounting firm, there are many factors to consider, such as location, types of responsibilities and training.

Another important factor to consider is the size of the firm. Accounting firms can vary in size from one to more than 10,000 people, and it's important to make the choice that will best fit your personality, your career goals and your lifestyle.

Although the experience at each firm may be different, we spoke with recent grads who are now working in accounting about their experiences to help you decide where you'll fit in.

Work-life balance
Large firms often have big groups of 40 or more new accountants starting at once, which means the competition can be higher than at smaller firms. Alissa Kahn, an accountant at a mid-sized firm of about 90 people, says she's lucky she doesn't have that much competition. "With so many people starting at the same level at once, there is a lot of pressure to compete and work overtime. At my smaller firm, I don't really experience that same pressure."

Learning opportunities
However, since so many new accountants start their jobs at once in large accounting firms, it also means the firms tend to invest a lot of time and money in classroom-type training and mentoring, which small firms cannot usually do. "I did not get as much textbook training and I had to really learn on the job. It's good for my career, but it's tough in the beginning," says Kahn.

At larger firms, you may also work in groups or teams and have joint tasks and clients. This is great if you like working in a team and enjoy having multiple perspectives on a project.

Training
While learning on the job will help give you hands-on knowledge in the accounting field, you have to depend on your supervisors to train you. "Most of the time the people that are supposed to be training you are very busy handling their own workloads and don't have time to teach you everything which can be frustrating," says Yoel Hofman, an accountant in a small firm of 25 employees.

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Bigger not always better

"With so many people starting at the same level at once, there is a lot of pressure to compete and work overtime."
Accountant Alissa Kahn

Take this to the bank

Trying to account for where your future of number crunching and fast calculating is going to take you?

- On average, accounting grads with between zero and three years of experience can expect to earn somewhere between $35,500 and $75,500 depending on your role, whether you're working in public or corporate accounting, and whether you're working for a large or midsize/small firm or company.

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If you're just starting out at your first entry level or early-career job in financial services or accounting, you may not have given too much thought to your long-term career objectives.

But if you aspire to a management position one day, you'll need to start planning now.

A recent survey developed by Robert Half Management Resources has found that fewer than one third of management positions in accounting and finance were filled by candidates who were promoted internally. Employers are more commonly looking outside their own organization for managers.

Why is this figure so low?

According to David King, Canadian president of Robert Half, many companies don't have a fully developed plan for succession. "Everyone thinks it's a good idea, but it gets bumped down the priority list," he says.

When a vacancy comes up unexpectedly, a company may not have qualified internal candidates on hand to replace departing employees. In other cases, a qualified internal candidate can't be promoted because their position can't be backfilled. Hiring in a hurry may result in an internal candidate with unexplored potential taking a backseat to an employee who can't be trained for eventual promotion.

How to get promoted

Speak up

You may need to raise your voice in order to give yourself a good shot, particularly if you're being overlooked.

"If you get a sense that others have been identified for roles and you're not getting tapped on the shoulder, it's appropriate to ask for feedback in terms of what skill sets you're lacking," he says. This type of communication reiterates your commitment to future advancement.

Improve yourself

If you notice that you're lacking a skill in demand among managers at your company, try to learn close to home.

"Seeking professional development that's sponsored by your company would be ideal, and if it isn't, you may have to look for it on your own time," says King.

In either case, make sure your supervisor is aware that you're dedicating your own time to broadening your skill set on your employer's behalf.

Advertise yourself

Performance reviews give you the opportunity to build on your employer's existing impression of you while emphasizing steps you've taken to put yourself in line for a move up the ladder.

"That ensures that they see you are, one, interested in and, two, capable of promotion," he says. Key among these steps is taking on special projects which demonstrate skills you don't use in your regular job.

When should you pull the plug?

While it takes determination and patience to chart an upward spiral in your career, it's important to recognize that some employers won't be able to offer you advancement opportunities.

Cover your bases before you decide a change is needed, says King.

"Provided you've exhausted all opportunities at your current firm, it's appropriate to look into options elsewhere. Be sure to benefit fully from your current learning experience."

He also notes that the traditional advice against burning bridges applies even more so in cases where advancement is the cause for leaving.

"We see quite often the opportunity for people to return to a company they left for a more senior position," he says.

In this case, you'll be able to capitalize on your prior experience as well as the breadth of knowledge you've acquired from other employment.

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Student Voice

Break down the walls between students and employers

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I graduated from McMaster University in 2011 and joined PwC as an Associate in the Audit & Assurance Group based in the Toronto office.

Coming out of university, where I had a very tightly knit group of friends, the one thing I was most afraid of was change. However, I quickly learned after I joined the firm that change is not necessarily a bad thing and definitely not as scary as it seems. Because of all the extra-curricular activities I took part in at McMaster, I was confident and ready to launch my career. Lucky for me, I was able to join a firm that supported, which made the school to work transition, seamless.

If I were to look back at my transition from carrying a backpack to now a briefcase, the one thing that I would not change is getting outside my comfort zone. When I was a student, I explored new chances to make me a more confident and well-rounded person. These are two essential characteristics that employers are looking for.

Where I am now

As an Associate, I am fulfilling my dream of adding value to my clients on a daily basis. I'm also learning more everyday about the accounting and business world, while writing exams to obtain my Chartered Accountant (CA) designation.

Besides auditing, I'm passionate about giving back to people and coaching young students and professionals in their respective careers. As PwC's national recruiting blogger and one of only six people chosen to represent PwC in its campus branding, I do just that by allowing others to learn from my personal stories of success and failure both via my blog posts and through speeches I deliver at various universities across the GTA.

In my spare time, I volunteer by serving as the CFO (chief financial officer) and Career Coach for a new start-up NPO (non-profit organization) called Canada Pakistan Professionals Association (CPPA). At CPPA, I oversee their finances, as well as provide young professionals with advice and support.

My recommendations for employers, career centres and schools

My recommendation for employers, career centres or schools is to really find ways to connect with students more personally and give them with tailored support.

My recommendations for students

My advice for students and recent grads would be to never see failure as a hindrance to their end goals, but rather a catalyst and a motivator to go above and beyond their own expectations. The reason why I am reasonably successful today is because I made mistakes in my past and learned from them.

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Sweet and savoury team up in Creamy Apple Curry Chicken

When you think curry, chances are potatoes and chicken come to mind. But you also should consider apples.

Though not necessarily a traditional touch for curry, apples work deliciously well with the big, spicy flavours of the dish. In fact, there is very little that is traditional about the curry assembled here, but we're not all that worried about it. It's so delicious, the name almost seems irrelevant.

A quick sauté of vegetables and chicken — along with those aforementioned apples — is tied together with a creamy curry sauce. To keep the autumnal feel, throw in some dried cranberries and top it with toasted almonds. If you don't want to serve it over rice, you could opt for egg noodles.

1. In a large, deep skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the onion and sauté until tender, about 7 minutes. Add both bell peppers, cauliflower and chicken. Cook until the vegetables are just tender and the chicken is cooked through, about 10 to 12 minutes.

2. Add the apples, curry powder, salt and pepper. Cook until the apples are just tender, about 3 to 5 minutes.

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 large yellow onion, cut into 1-inch chunks
- 1 each green and red bell pepper, cored and cut into 1-inch chunks
- 2 cups cauliflower florets
- 1 lb boneless, skinless chicken thighs, cut into bite-size cubes
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 2 tbsp curry powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp ground black pepper
- 3 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup toasted almonds

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3. Sprinkle the flour over everything, stirring to coat. Add the milk and cranberries, stirring and cooking until the sauce comes to a simmer and thickens. Serve sprinkled with toasted almonds.

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Drink of the Week

Pretty in pink punch

- 1 can (295 ml) pink lemonade frozen concentrate (unthawed)
- 1 can (250 ml) strawberry daiquiri frozen concentrate (unthawed)
- 250 ml (1 cup) white rum (optional)
- 250 ml (1 cup) water
- 1 l (4 cups) ice cubes
- Sliced strawberries, for garnish

In blender, combine pink lemonade and daiquiri frozen concentrates, rum, if using, and water; add ice cubes. Pulse until blended and frothy, about 1 minute. Float berries on the surface for a special garnish. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ MINUTEMAID.CA

Caramelized Apple Ginger Rice Pudding. Get in the mood for fall

There's something particularly autumnal about puddings. It likely has something to do with cravings for all things rich and creamy as the weather cools. Here is a deliciously rich and creamy rice pudding perfect for the upcoming season.

1. In a medium saucepan over medium-high, melt the butter.

2. Add apples and cinnamon and sauté until browned and caramelized, about 7 minutes. Add the rice and stir to coat. Add the salt, sugar, ginger and 1 cup of the milk. Lower the heat to medium and cook, stirring frequently, until almost all of the milk has been absorbed.

3. Add another cup of milk and repeat with stirring and cooking until almost entirely absorbed. Repeat with the remaining milk, 1 cup at a time, or until the rice is cooked through and the mix is creamy.

4. Serve warm and, if desired, topped with whipped cream or ice cream. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp unsalted butter
- 3 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 cup arborio rice
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup diced candied ginger
- 4 cups milk, divided

Flavour aplenty with little effort in exciting pork dish

Weeknight cooking is all about getting gobs of flavour from just a few ingredients, no special techniques and as little effort as possible.

The trick is in finding those big, boldly flavoured ingredients and knowing how to get them to do all (or at least most) of the work for you. That's the idea behind this Mirin Pork Chops with Apple Chutney.

You'll find mirin (a kind of rice wine) in the Asian or international sections of most grocers. The chutney should be nearby, too. It's good to let the pork marinate for at least 30 minutes, but you can get away with 10 minutes or so if you're pressed for time.

Even better: toss the meat in the marinade in the morning and let it absorb the flavour all day.

Ingredients

- 1 cup mirin
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 2 lbs pork tenderloin, halved lengthwise and pounded evenly flat
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 medium apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 1 small yellow onion, diced
- 10 1/2-oz jar sweet chutney (such as mango)

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the mirin, garlic powder and salt. Add the pork and turn to coat well. Refrigerate until ready to cook. The pork can be marinated for as little as 10 minutes or up to all day.

2. When ready to cook, heat a grill to high. Using a vegetable oil-soaked paper towel held with tongs, oil the grill grates.

3. Reduce the heat to medium and add the pork. Grill for 6 minutes per side. Set aside to rest.

4. Meanwhile, in a medium skillet over medium-high heat, melt the butter. Add the apples and onion and sauté until just tender, about 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and stir in the chutney.

5. To serve, thinly slice the pork and top each serving with the apple chutney.

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This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

League, NHLPA to resume talks today

The NHL and the players' association will resume negotiations on Wednesday in an effort to avoid a lockout this weekend.

After not meeting face-to-face since last Friday, the sides planned to get together at the league office in New York before the NHLPA holds player meetings later Wednesday.

The NHL board of governors will convene on Thursday with commissioner Gary Bettman, while the union holds a second day of discussions with as many as 250 players.

The hastily scheduled negotiating session for Wednesday came just hours after NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly said owners and players were both to blame for their failure to reach a new collective bargaining agreement before the current deal expires on Saturday.

Daly wrote in an email to The Associated Press on Tuesday that he hoped both sides would meet before Saturday, but didn't sound optimistic it would happen.

"To this point, we have received no indication that the union has anything new to say to us. And right now, we have nothing new to say to them," he wrote Tuesday. "It's unfortunate, but it's the reality of the situation."

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NHL deputy commissioner Bill Daly. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Carl Volny evades an Argonauts tackler in July 2011 in Toronto. RICK EGLINTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Volny's long wait will end in Calgary

CFL. Running back to rejoin Winnipeg offence Friday coming off torn ACL

Almost a year after his rookie season was cut short by a torn anterior cruciate ligament, Winnipeg Blue Bombers running back Carl Volny finally feels ready to pick up where he left off.

"I've got to get playing ... I've got to get the feeling back, it's all mental," he said Tuesday, a day after coach Tim Burke said Volny would be returning to the lineup.

"You need confidence in your knee and your body to go out to play ... If you're not (confident), you'll never have that determination to be playing football again."

He'll be putting his knee and his confidence to the test Friday, when the CFL's last-place Bombers (2-8) face the Stampeders (6-4) in Calgary.

Volny, 24, was born in Montreal and lived there about six years before moving to Florida. He played in the NCAA for Central Michigan.

He gave the NFL a shot but couldn't land a spot, opting finally to try his luck in the 2011 CFL draft.

He was taken 32nd overall by the Bombers, looked promising in camp and landed a spot as Winnipeg's backup tailback, but his debut ended abruptly.

He was hurt a in Sept. 24 game against Toronto after he replaced injured veteran starter Fred Reid, who also suffered a torn ACL.

Head coach Tim Burke said the return of Volny and his non-import status allows them to multiply their options on offence.

"We're going to use him obviously on special teams but also as a fullback and a tailback on offence," he said.

"He's going to allow us to do some things offensively that I think will maybe put a little more pressure on the defence than what we've had."

Chad Simpson remains Winnipeg's starting tailback and Burke also wants to see him get the ball a little more than he has up until now. But Volny's status is a bonus that increases flexibility, besides inserting a better pass receiver into the backfield.

"He's very intelligent. He's a good pass blocker that allows us, if we bring him in for Chad in a passing situation ... to get another American receiver on the field," Burke said.

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"I'm ready to play. That's my job. I've been waiting to get the nod for a while now."

Blue Bombers QB Buck Pierce. Coach Tim Burke said Joey Elliott will start Friday. Pierce has recovered from his Week 3 foot injury and will take over when Hamilton visits Winnipeg Sept. 21.

Goldeyes win Game 1 in 10-inning thriller

The Winnipeg Goldeyes and the Wichita Wingnuts opened the 2012 American Association Championship Series with some extra-inning drama on Tuesday night in front of 5,117 in downtown Winnipeg.

Fans were treated to some solid pitching, timely hitting, and a barnburner finish as the Fish won Game 1 of the best-of-five series 5-4 on a Barbaro Canizares leadoff, walk-off home run.

Goldeyes starter Ace Walker put together 5 2/3 quality innings of work, allowing three runs on eight hits, walking four and striking out one.

Game 1

Goldeyes	Wingnuts
5	4

Serious trouble loomed for Walker in the top as he walked the first two Wichita batters. A double-steal set up Greg Porter to cash in both Wingnuts runners with a single to take a 2-1 lead. Walker then loaded the bases, but escaped before more damage was done. In the bottom, Winnipeg put a scare into Wichita by loading the bases with singles from Price Kendall and Chris Roberson and a Barbaro Canizares walk. Wichita starter Josh Lowey then walked in a run with Josh Mazzola at the dish, but that's all the Fish could muster off the Wingnuts top gun.

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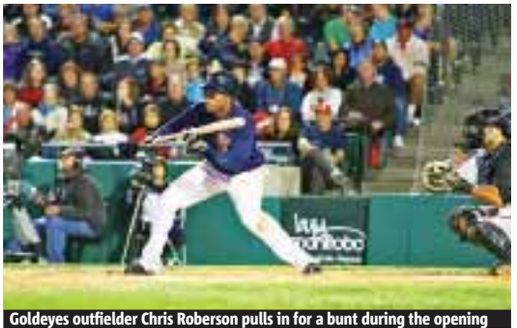

Goldeyes outfielder Chris Roberson pulls in for a bunt during the opening game of the championship series Tuesday night. TYLER PEACOCK/METRO

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Not many fighters wanted to step into the cage in Toronto against light-heavyweight champion Jon 'Bones' Jones for the upcoming UFC 152, according to UFC boss Dana White. But Brazilian fighter Vitor Belfort was game, saying he still fights "for pleasure" at age 35. Scan the code for the story.

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Encore: It's just different

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Review. Buick drives home the point that the old ways are exactly that

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

Generally, an encore follows a great performance. In Buick terms, that could mean the Verano or the Regal, but both of those are sedans, while the new Encore is a small tall wagon.

OK, we can just hear the quips now, likely involving an Enclave wagon that has been left in the dryer a little too long. However, the Encore is a uniquely practical vehicle that can hold lots of gear and can hold its own in the horsepower and fuel-consumption departments. Also adding to its versatility is the availability of all-wheel-drive.

The fact that it approximates a scaled-down version of the Enclave is far from being a bad thing. From its oval-shaped "waterfall" grille to the tip of its two-tone bumper, the Encore features a neat blend of stylish design cues with just a hint of ruggedness. That should help broaden the car's appeal to buyers much younger than Buick's traditional core audience.

The Encore is based on the same platform used by Buick's Verano sedan plus Chevrolet's Cruze and Sonic small cars. However, it's about 18 centimetres longer and 13 centimetres taller than the Sonic hatchback, thereby giving it far more cargo room with the rear seat in place or folded flat. Not as much room back there as a Hyundai Tucson or even a Toyota Matrix, but the front passenger seat does fold flat so that longer items such as ladders, hockey sticks and building materials can be accommodated.

With its diminutive size, crisp styling and clever interior packaging, this is one Encore that has been long overdue.

Engine

Getting the Encore up to speed is the responsibility of a 1.4-litre turbocharged, four-cylinder engine that generates 140 horsepower and 148 pound-feet of torque. Both the Chevrolet Sonic and Cruze also employ this powerplant, which runs on regular gas and not premium.

A six-speed automatic is the Encore's only available transmission. For this application, a "steeper" first gear helps improve off-the-line performance while a "taller" sixth gear causes the engine to loaf along at lower engine revs at highway speeds for more fuel-efficient operation. Official consumption numbers aren't out just yet, but should approach the Cruze's 7.2/4.6 city/highway l/100 km rating.

A six-speed automatic transmission and turbocharged 1.4-litre four-cylinder are standard.

Quiet ride

The cabin has a feature called "active noise cancellation." The system uses ceiling-mounted microphones that detect offending droning sounds. A special computer then creates counteracting sound waves through the audio-system speakers. It's a system that's commonly found on more expensive vehicles.

2013 Buick Encore

- **Type.** Four-door, front/all-wheel-drive compact wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 1.4-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (140).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 7.2/4.9 (est.).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $23,000 (est.).

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Grand Sport: Upholding 'heritage'

Auto Know. The best Corvette might not actually be the most expensive or the most powerful Corvette, but the most versatile

JEFF MELNYCHUK
Wheelbase Media

The Grand Sport is stanced properly thanks to the use of the Z06's wider body panels. GENERAL MOTORS

Velocity Yellow is an oxymoron.

Yet, here it is, slathered all over a Corvette Grand Sport driving a whopping 24 km/h on the 405 freeway in Los Angeles, Calif.. It's rip-your-hair-out frustrating. The car is just not meant for a five-lane, 30-kilometre-long parking lot like this. Heck, it's not even really at home plodding along at highway speeds.

Sure, it could do 280 km/h, it could corner like a rock on a string and stop with enough force to loosen your stuffed-up sinuses, but the simple question from your sensible significant other echoes in your head every time you're parked in gridlock or dodging potholes on some side street: "why buy a car like that when you can't even drive it around here?"

Corvette owners don't need to scramble for an answer. You can see it the way they grip the steering wheel. Buying a Corvette Grand Sport simply on hope you can stretch its legs once in while is justification enough for enthusiasts, who seem to live in an entirely different universe than people who believe a car is a mere transportation appliance. Mutter those very words to a Corvette owner and you're likely to be dining on knuckle sandwich for lunch.

And then there's the wow factor. The base Corvette is nice, but the Grand Sport adds the visual sizzle of the hyper-expensive 'Vettes: the wider rear fenders from the race-track-inspired 505-horsepower Z06 model (six inches total increase in width); special wheels wrapped with wider rubber (more than 30 centimetres); and unique front-fender air extractors topped with Grand Sport badges.

Of course the name should add more sizzle. A lot more sizzle, actually. The prestigious Grand Sport handle was attached to several racetrack-only versions of the 1963 Corvette coupe. The GS was a renegade, built without official approval of General Motors with engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov putting the black-ops program together.

So, while the modern Grand Sport could be considered a mere option package that adds bigger brakes, wheels and some bodywork to the base Corvette, it means much more: there's a bloodline to maintain and real heritage to uphold. To that end, the GS can be ordered with a "heritage package" that includes two fender hash stripes that no other Corvette model gets. But what about substance under those stripes?

The Grand Sport model replaced the optional Z51 chassis package and includes goodies such as Z06-sized brakes and something called "active handling" that improves both ride and road holding. But the GS goes well beyond the Z51 since it visually looks much like the higher-priced race-track-inspired Z06, although mechanically the GS comes with a 430-horsepower 6.2-litre V8 whereas the Z06 comes with a 505-horsepower 7.0-litre V6.

Critics usually knock the Corvette interior for its lack of style, detail and refinement. Maybe so, but it's actually comfortable. WHEELBASE

Presto, the anonymous Z51 becomes its very own fully-fledged model called the Grand Sport. It's brilliant marketing, really. Taking a page from the Ford Mustang handbook, the Corvette is no longer just one car, but a niche of several separate and distinct models, ranging from a base car all the way to the 638-horsepower ZR1.

In ascending order of price, the Grand Sport, Z06 and ZR1 all began in another era, even if how they align today somewhat contradicts those very history books. ZR1, Z06 and Grand Sport might be a more logical running order, but that's obviously not how GM sees it.

The Grand Sport is therefore parked sort of at the halfway point between the base and the Z06, bridging some of the performance and price gap. But the controversy, of course, is that the Grand Sport name implies — according to history — that it's better than the Z06, which it isn't, at least in terms of all-out hairy-chested performance.

Frankly, as good as the Z06 is — one of the most capable performance cars in the world — the Grand Sport is just as capable of getting you into big trouble with the law while saving tens of thousands off the sticker price ... which you can obviously use to pay your speeding tickets.

The GS easily — E-A-S-I-L-Y — paints 33-centimetre-wide black stripes up and down the Sunset Strip and the optional two-mode "butterfly" exhaust unleashes a guttural bellow worth a bit more horsepower.

What else could you want? Oh, yes, the much maligned Corvette interior. If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times that the 'Vette's interior is lacking in style and refinement. The truth is it works just fine, but it is a let-down. Even the Chevy Equinox's interior looks, feels and works better.

To the rescue, however, is an optional grouping that includes excellent custom leather heated seats, highly detailed door panels, as well as a premium stereo, head-up display (vital signs such as speed and navigation details are projected onto the windscreen) and a power convertible top for the test car stuck here in L.A. traffic.

Of course, the original Grand Sport never came as a convertible. Neither did the Z06 or the ZR1, for that matter.

Despite history and what the purists think the Grand Sport name should stand for, it's not the quickest or fastest of current Corvettes, but few people out there could drive all three cars to the limit to find the edge, anyway. You're certainly not going to find out while crawling along the 405 at 24 km/h.

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If you're thinking you'd like your next vehicle to be electrically driven, you certainly have options. More and more major automotive brands are bringing out electric models (EVs) and plug-in hybrids (PHEVs).

But maybe you're thinking there's something not quite right about walking into a dealership and buying a brand new EV or PHEV. Maybe it gives you a funny feeling like Captain Rex Kramer had in the movie Airplane! You know, when he goes into the control tower to coach the inexperienced Ted Striker to land the plane, and a control tower operator asks him if they should turn on the search lights to make things easier, and Kramer says, after a few moments of thought, "No, it's just what they'll be expecting us to do."

In the same vein, you could do your own "180" and convert an old gasoline car over to electricity.

You could take something like a 1983 Porsche 944, rip out its gasoline-powered engine and related paraphernalia, and replace them with an electric motor, controller and batteries. You could do the same with a 1985 Jaguar XJ6.

You could pick any vehicle actually, but I picked those two specific models, because there happens to be actual examples of them recently converted over to electric drive. I met them, and their respective owners, at last weekend's EV Fest Electric Vehicle Show in Toronto.

Brian Kirk's white Porsche currently looks like a science experiment, but that's intentional. He would ultimately like his company, Singular Motion EV, to be in the business of converting customer cars over to electricity; the Porsche is essentially his calling card and real-life slide show on how one goes about electrifying a previously gas-powered automobile.

This Porsche is electric, thanks to Brian Kirk, pictured in photo at right, and Graham Lambert of Singular Motion EV. Their motto: Drive fast, drive green! CONTRIBUTED

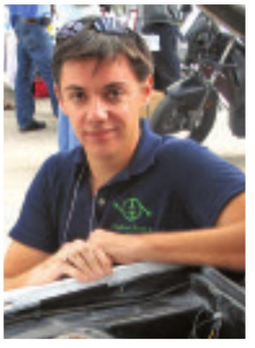
He has over $20,000 invested in it already, and apparently it's fast — faster even than the original gasoline version.

"We wanted to prove the point that electric cars are not slow," says Kirk, adding that acceleration from a dead stop is "phenomenal."

"That's our reason for starting the company. We thought other people should be enjoying this as well."

He feels the current crop of EVs from the majors leaves a lot to be desired, when it comes to styling and performance options. He contends that conversion not only gives you limitless vehicle options, it also might save a perfectly good car body from dying in the scrap yard.

Don Singh's electric Jaguar has a similar cottage-industry look to the conversion. He too is able to convert cars and supply parts for potential customers (through his company, Epic Car Conversions). He says the Jaguar is currently both a test bed and an "office on wheels."



For others contemplating the jump, he would advise picking a "light" vehicle, to get more bang for your battery buck.

Whatever you pick, just make sure you plug it in. Brian Kirk failed to top up the Porsche before making the run from his base in Newmarket to the EV show at Toronto's Brickworks. He ran out of juice about five kilometres from the show. The CAA towed him the rest of the way.

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You are under a lot of pressure at the moment, but how much of it comes from other people and how much of it comes from yourself? Maybe you need to be a bit more relaxed about the world.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Don't plan anything strenuous for today because you need to relax, both physically and mentally. You may be a Taurus and more robust than most but you still need some down time now and again.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If there is someone you want to say sorry to then now is the ideal time. Venus in the communications area of your chart will make it easy to connect on both an emotional and a mental level.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have a great deal going for you at the moment, so stop being so critical of yourself. Stand back from everyday events and see your life from a higher and wider perspective. It's actually a pretty picture.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Take life at an easygoing pace and ignore those who say you should be pushing yourself harder. There comes a point where what you put in is more than what you get out. You are near that point now.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you lack enthusiasm for what you are about to do, you will most likely make a poor job of it, so why not postpone it or even give up on it? You're allowed to change your mind you know.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may want to outshine your rivals and competitors but the planets warn that may not be possible today. It's always a mistake to compare yourself to other people. It's a sure way to drive yourself mad.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You know something that others do not, something that gives you an edge. Whatever that something is, you must be careful how and when you use it. Knowledge is power, so don't reveal it too quickly.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Friends and colleagues are aware of what you can do, so don't waste time trying to prove yourself. The important thing is not that others feel good about you but that you feel good about yourself. Do you?

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If there is someone you want to impress, now is the time to speak up and let them know what you can do. But don't exaggerate your achievements to prove what a wonderful person you are. They know already.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take your foot off the gas and take life at a more enjoyable pace. You don't have to work twice as hard and move twice as fast as everyone else. This is one of those days when less means more.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Those around you will respond better to kindness than coercion today. Also, if you can find it in your heart to forgive someone else's sins today they are more likely to forgive your sins tomorrow. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Island, Water, Rockers, More Water

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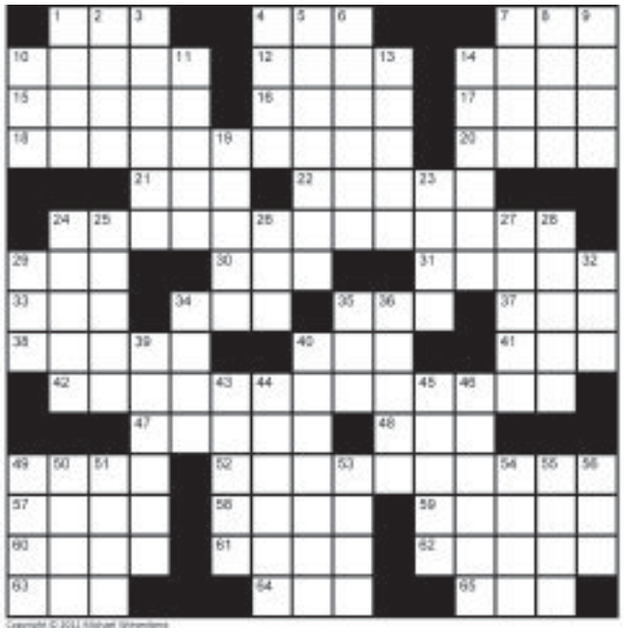

Across
1. Windsor product
4. Volcanic fallout
7. "You're it!" game
10. Building usually without a 13th floor
12. Borscht vegetable
14. Flooring material
15. "Lord, ___?": Last Supper question (3 wds.)
16. Tomb Raider Croft
17. Prayer ending
18. ___ Island: the NE fifth of Nova Scotia (2 wds.)
20. "Mmm-hmm" (2 wds.)
21. Sink clog remover
22. Put together in makeshift fashion (2 wds.)
24. It's to Canada's east (2 wds.)
29. Former Pan Am rival
30. Open, as a keg
31. Airtight farm storage buildings
33. Acorn dropper
34. Hearing organ
35. Sum up
37. "A girl" or "a boy" preceder
38. Give up
40. *The Simpsons* bartender
41. Chomped
42. Rock band from Kingston, Ontario, that has received numerous Canadian Music awards, including 14 Juno Awards (2 wds.), with "The"
47. Assembly of church officials
48. ATM charge
49. Autumn colors
52. Ontario, Superior, et al. (2 wds.)
57. One of 52-Across
58. Thor's dad
59. Ctrl-P in many programs
60. Biggest problems of some celebrities
61. Ripped
62. Dispatches
63. Controversial hockey commentator Cherry
64. Scottish "no"
65. Hi-___: sharply detailed, as a monitor

Down
1. ___ Nostra
2. "Take ___ from me ...": "Heed this advice" (2 wds.)
3. Give another account of
4. Adequately skilled
5. Voyage on 24-Across (2 wds.)
6. Intrepid
7. Canada's quintessential coffee and donut place, familiarly
8. Downwind
9. DNA carrier
10. What not to say when taking a sobriety test
11. Tripoli's land
13. Ballroom dance for two
14. Nationalist Republic of China capital
19. Hertz __-_-Car
23. Southern California univ.
24. Anticipate
25. "Care" or "risk" follower
26. Carcinogenic cigarette smoke ingredient
27. A suspect may have one down pat
28. A dissatisfied diner may opt to leave this (2 wds.)
29. Play (with)
32. Former faster-than-sound jet: initialism
34. Boldly unconventional
35. "You've Got Mail!" ISP
36. Blue and white pottery named for a city in Holland
39. Damsels
40. Amber-colored Portuguese dessert wine
43. Bar of gold
44. Chicken ___ bleu
45. Sharp barks
46. One who listens
49. Bassoon or clarinet
50. As a result, in logic
51. Singer Celine
53. PEI's Green Gables girl
54. Cows, archaically
55. Finishes
56. Rds.

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

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			3	7				5
4					1			2
		4	2		3		1	
	6			5			8	
	2		8		4	7		
9			4					1
6				8	5			
		3				9	5	

Yesterday's Sudoku

Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAX: 17° MIN: 14°	MAX: 19° MIN: 6°	MAX: 17° MIN: 9°

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